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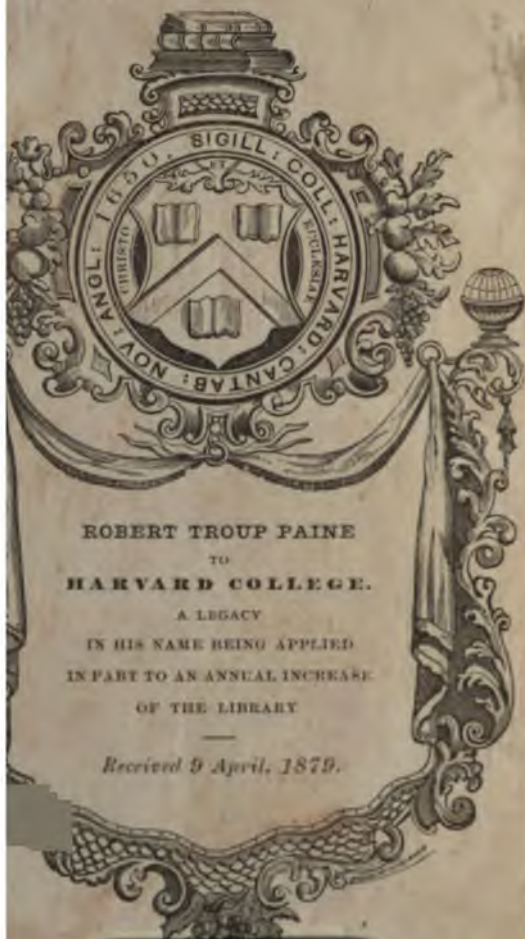
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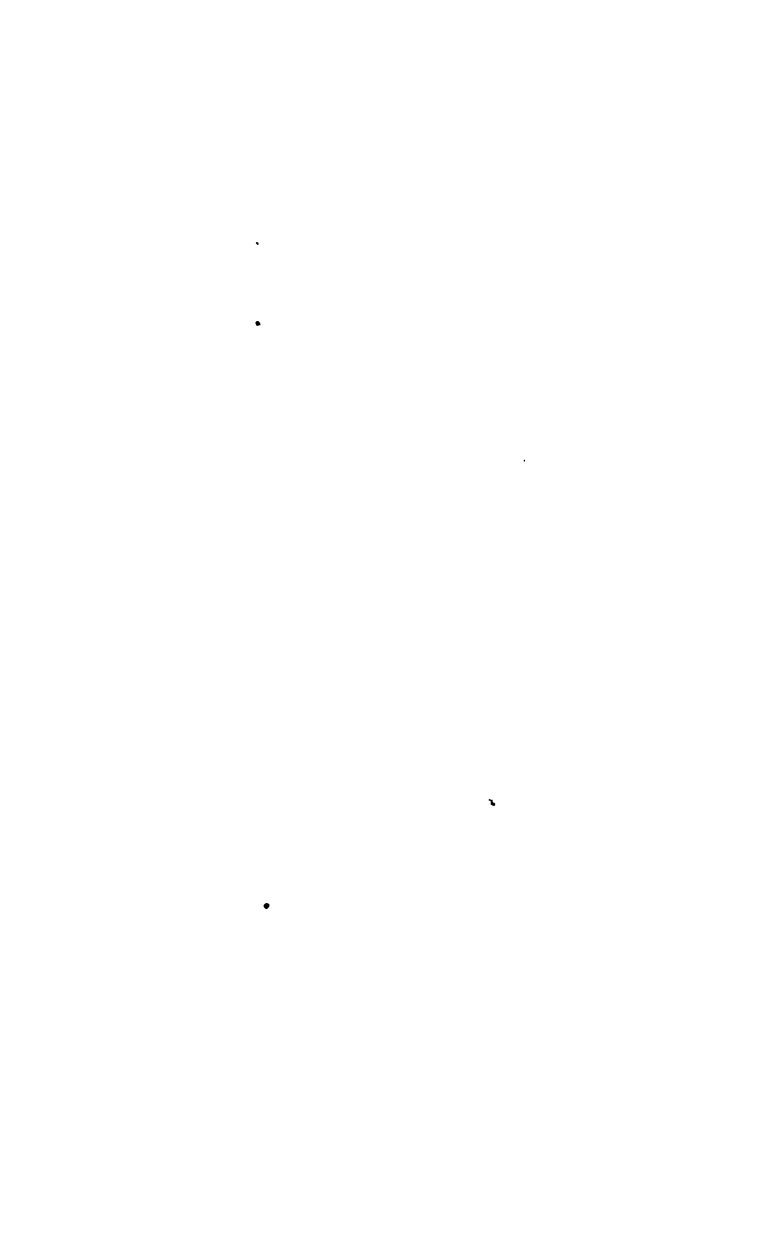
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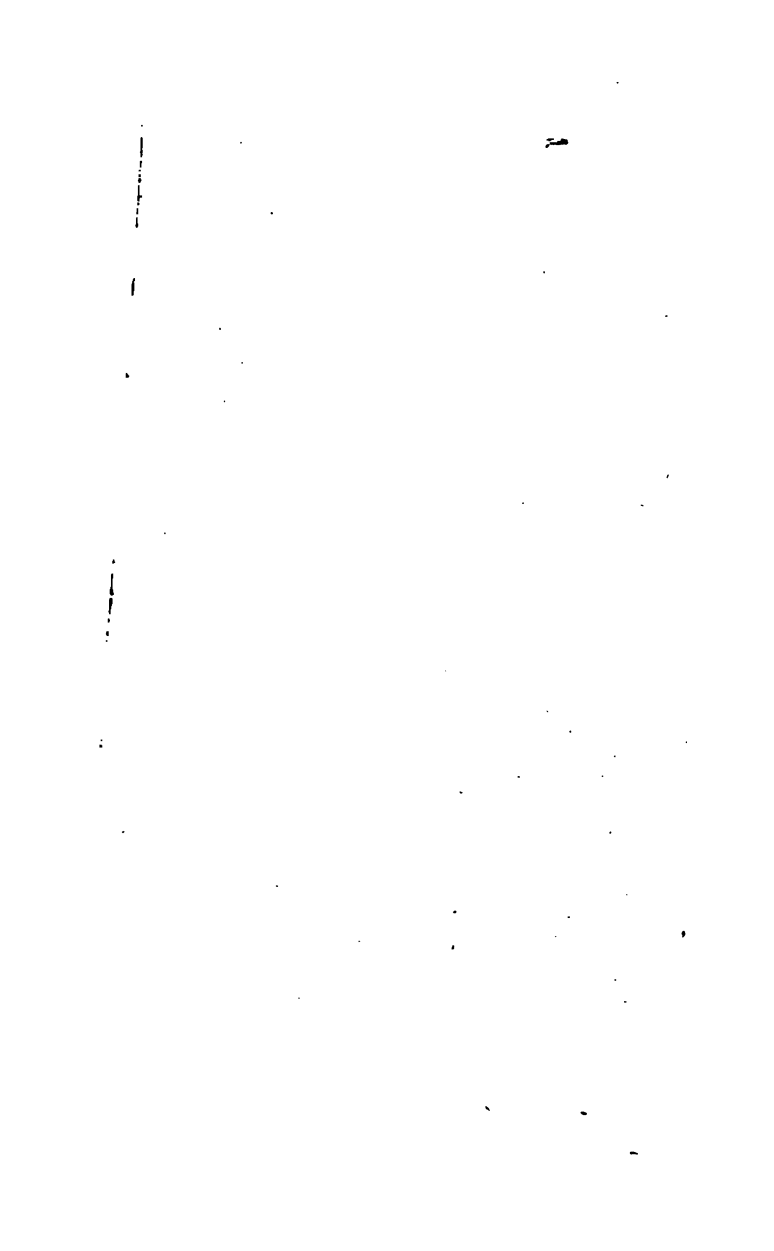


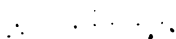
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THE CHRISTIAN DUTY
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"I KNOW him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment."*—In these remarkable words does God himself express his confidence in the fidelity of Abraham. The wickedness of Sodom had become so great that he had resolved to destroy it. But it was the residence of Abraham's kinsman, and Abraham was "the friend of God." For his friend's sake therefore—how precious in the sight of heaven, must that virtue and piety be deemed which brings a blessing, not only on the virtuous and pious, but on their kinsfolk and acquaintance!—for his friend's sake, the Lord God delays the execution of his severe but righteous sentence, until *he* has been acquainted with it. "And the Lord said, shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall

* Genesis xviii. 14.

surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him ! For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."* The human character which could win such testimony as this from the most high God must command our utmost admiration. Being a human character, should it not also challenge and animate to their utmost exertion our desires of imitation ! Encouraged by such hopes, assisted by such helps, as the Scriptures promise us, there is little danger of setting our mark too high. Though the eagle never reach the sun on which his eye is fixed, he has his flight forever in the blaze of its unclouded splendour; and the Christian, though he never may attain the height of God's perfections, yet the higher up the mountain of his holiness he climbs, the more of his glory does he see, and the more fully is he invested with its splendours. In the case before us, the duties to which we are invited, though encouraged by a reward so great, are far from being arduous. It was because Abraham lived in the faith and fear of God,

* Genesis xviii. 17—19.

that "the secret of the Lord" was with him; and the same devotion to the piety and virtue of his children and dependants which procured for him the name of "Father of the faithful," also secured the favour and confidence of God—"shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do? For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him; and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." I purpose, from these words, and from this example, to enforce the duty and the reward of *domestic religion*, and especially of that which is at once an essential means and chief part of it, **FAMILY WORSHIP**. For of each of you, who, like Abraham, is the parent and master of a family, I would have that glorious testimony borne in heaven—"I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment."

To "*keep the way of the Lord*" is a scripture phrase, expressive of decided and constant adherence to his true religion and worship. To "*do justice and judgment*," is to discharge all the relative duties of life with faithfulness and truth. And thus, the pregnant lesson of the text is clearly this, that morality as well as religion—our duty to our fellow men, not less than our

duty to God—is directly promoted by the maintenance of domestic devotion.

Had man been destined for solitude, there had been neither domestic duties, or domestic pleasures. His life had been an anchorite's. The cell, his world. His employment, the sordid pursuit of his own comfort. His devotion, the secret communion of his heart with God. But he was created a social being, and placed in society; and he becomes answerable for new obligations, as well as susceptible of new delights: and religion, adapting itself to every change of man's condition, serves now to bind together the hearts, which in solitude it could but have influenced singly, and to bind them all to God. Most intimate and endearing of all social bonds, as it forms the intermediate link between the individual and the civil community, is the family relation. It is the tie of holy nature, linking heart to heart. It is twined more closely and more strongly by mutual interests, mutual sympathies, mutual joys and mutual griefs. Above all, it is sanctified by religion. It is this which makes the Christian family not—like the herding of the brutes, or of more sensual men—an intercourse of mere convenience and caprice, but the joint partnership of love and life. It is this, which, like the cherubim of Paradise, with flaming

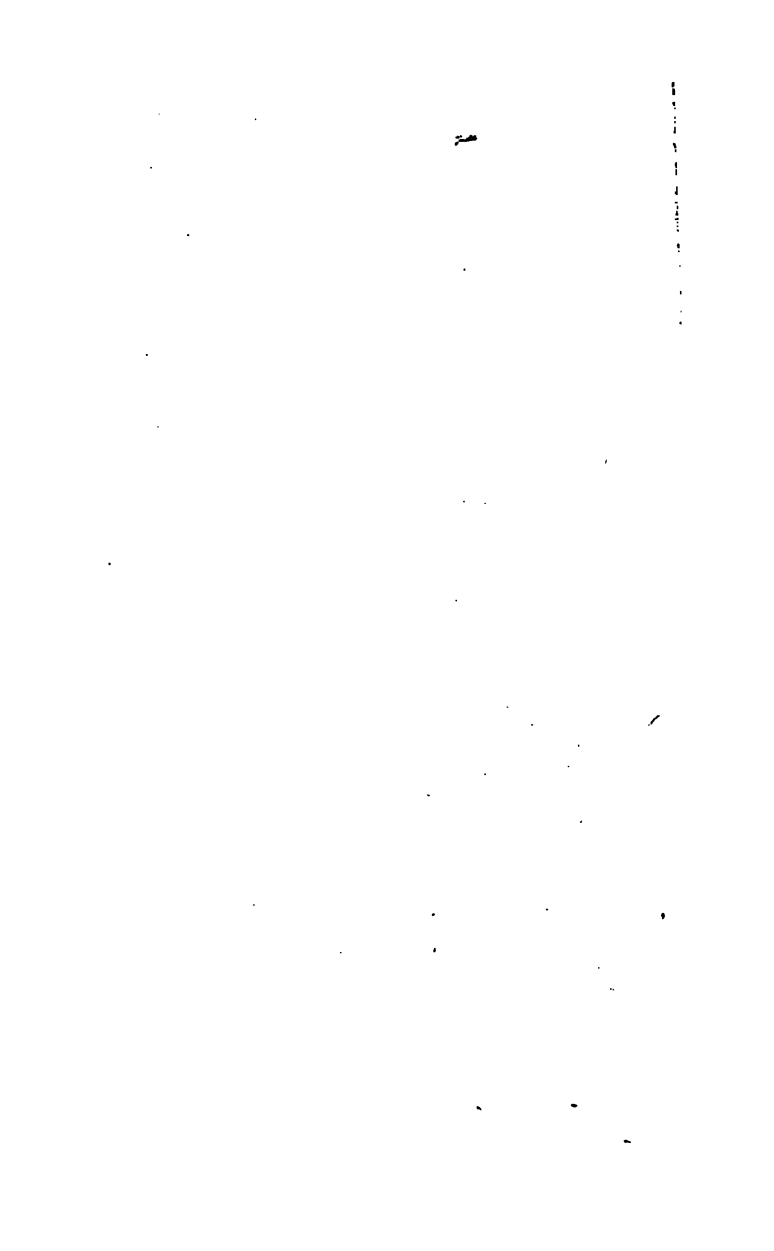
sword turned every way, stands in the portals of the Christian home, to guard from thought and word and deed impure, its hallowed entrance. It is this, which, cherishing with constant, scrupulous regard, the chain that binds together Christian hearts, keeps it forever strong, forever bright. And it is this, which, watching with more than vestal care that holiest of all unconsecrated altars, the Christian household hearth, preserves its sacred flame in purity and strength. And for all this, does the Christian father owe no debt of gratitude, no acknowledgment of God's preserving and protecting goodness, no homage of reverence and love to him who keeps his dwelling from disaster, decks it with joy and health, and crowns its roof-tree with the light of his life-giving favour? He does. And the very praises which acknowledge it, and the prayers which, seeking its continuance, confess his own entire dependance, are, by the loving favour of the Lord, transmuted into golden showers of more abundant and more precious blessings.

In the view of all these generous motives to its establishment and practice, can there be a Christian parent that denies or questions *the reasonableness and obligation of family devotion?* In private prayer, we supplicate the blessing from on high upon our individual per-

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and hope; and they feel how hearty and how holy their prayers should be who have in charge to guide through all the snares of life the souls of young immortals. The master kneels beside the servant; and while the one feels that as sinners they are humbled to the dust, the other learns how, as believers, all are lifted by the same cross even to the heavens. They kneel together as dependant beings at the footstool of their Benefactor, as guilty beings at the tribunal of their Judge; and praying from the deep heart, with common knowledge of their necessities, and with common desires for their relief, each for the rest, as for himself, they lend mutual earnestness and fervour to each other, and ensure His blessing, who has promised to his disciples that where two of them shall agree, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of his Father who is in heaven.*

The performance of family devotion is attended with the happiest effects on all who engage in it, and this individually as well as collectively. It serves as a most wholesome restraint upon their conduct. They are put, as it were upon their consistency. They will scarcely rise from their knees to the commission of acts which will put

* St. Matthew xviii. 19.

their prayers to shame. *They* will hardly indulge in violence of anger or indecency of expression, who are by and by to pray before their household against all that displeases God, or unfits men for heaven. Nor is this all. Prayer is a means of grace, and God blesses the patient use of means. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand," and doubt not that he will give the increase. To kneel, to ask, to seek, is in the power of all. The holy will, the sanctified wish, the steady purpose of obedience, God must bestow. But he has promised to give them only to those who kneel and seek and ask for them.

In binding a family together in peace and love, there is no human influence like that of domestic prayer. Uniting them in a common object, it unites their sympathies and their desires. Raising their hearts to heaven, it brings them together in the presence of God. The family altar is an asylum, to which they all repair from the cares and toils of life. Reminding them of the vanity and sorrow of the world, it unites their resolution and their patience in enduring them. Reminding them of the rest reserved in heaven, it unites them in efforts of faith and obedience for its attainment. Earth has no holier spot than a house thus sanctified by prayer—where the voice of

supplication and thanksgiving consecrates every day, where the word of God is devoutly read, as young and old unite to show forth all his praise. It may be humble; but it is holy, and therefore heavenly. Poverty may be there, and sorrow; but its inmates are rich in faith, and joyous in the Holy Ghost. Sickness and death must enter it; but they will come as angels of peace and mercy, and the spirits whom they release from the imprisonment of the flesh shall be united free and happy, to worship forever, as earth did not permit them, a family in heaven.

But chiefly is family worship important for its influence on children and dependants. It is in this way that they are best taught religion, as they learn language, by insensible degrees—little one day and a little another, “line upon line, and precept upon precept.” Religion thus imparted becomes a part of the milk that nourishes, of the bread that feeds them. It is incorporated with the very substance of their hearts. They are brought up “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” They cannot remember when they were not under its holy influences. They become Christians by imperceptible degrees; and grow in the knowledge and love of God and of their duty, as they grow in wisdom and in stature.

You that, as parents, and heads of families, have, as it were, given hostages to God and to society, lay these considerations well to heart. Look on your little children, as they climb your knees and gather round your board, and ask yourselves how you should answer it to society, to them, to God, that you had deprived them in their helpless infancy of advantages like this! If I knew a parent that lived in the habitual neglect of family devotion, this should be my argument; and while a throb of holy nature trembled at his heart, I should not fear for the result. I would remind him of the weakness of our poor, fallen humanity, and of the temptations of the world. I would remind him that, vigilant as the parental eye might be, the time would come when its delight and pride must go beyond its reach. And I would ask him calmly to consider, if, from the fiery ordeal of that wicked world the darling child, whose slightest ache has kept him all night long awake, and in the accomplishment of whose mind and person he has lavished gold that his own sweat and blood have earned, should come back, all scathed and branded, a soiled and ruined thing, his very heart within him would not break outright with sorrow and remorse, that he had never sought to shield his infant innocence with prayer, nor to arm him with the

weapons of God's word against those sinful lusts which have achieved his ruin. See to it, beloved brethren, that on none of you this sorrow beyond all earthly sorrow fall. Aspire, by imitating Abraham's noble example, to share his glorious commendation. Resolve, like gallant Joshua, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." If you have already begun, go on in steadfast perseverance. If you have not begun, take courage to begin to-day. Call over, one by one, the excuses which have hitherto prevented you; and with a noble Christian courage dare for your own sake, for your children's sake, to trample on them all. Is it want of time? Take so much from your business. It is God who giveth you the increase, and by his service none can lose. Is it want of ability? Do it as well as you can. It is upon the heart that the prayer-hearer looks. According to that a man hath it is accepted, and not according to that he hath not. Do you fear the restraint it will impose on you? Then it is indeed time that you should begin. How fearful his condition who by rejecting all restraint, avows his open preference of sin to holiness! Or do you fear the imputation of singularity, "the world's dread laugh?" If others are irreligious, the more reason for your

decision. It was Abdiel's praise to stand alone in virtue.

"Faithful found
Among the faithless, faithful only he
Among innumerable false ; unmoved
Unshaken, unseduced, unterrified,
His loyalty he kept, his love, his zeal :
Nor number, nor example with him wrought
To swerve from truth, or change his constant mind,
Though single.*

"There are those," says an excellent writer, "who laugh at all this, as there are those in lunatic hospitals who laugh at their own wretchedness. Without enquiring who laughs or who approves, the Christian, morning and evening, prays with his family. In the discharge of this delightful duty, his house seems more his castle, and an unseen guard encamps around his bed." "In such a house, the secret is found out of combining seriousness with cheerfulness, service with freedom, duty with delight. Happy home ! Where prayers are victorious over tears, and trust is too strong for despair. Where God is a daily guest, and his angels a nightly guard."†

* Milton.

Portraiture of a Christian gentleman.

O THOU, BY WHOM WE COME TO GOD,
THE LIFE, THE TRUTH, THE WAY;
THE PATH OF PRAYER THYSELF HATH TROD,
LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY!

PREFACE.

THE object of this publication is to adapt to the purposes of family prayer the Morning and Evening services of the Church.

Those Services were considered by the Divines, who, at the reformation, translated and re-arranged them, to be fitted for daily and private use; all Priests and Deacons being enjoined "to say *daily* the Morning and Evening Prayer, either *privately* or openly, not being let by sickness or some other urgent cause."* To the adoption of them for *family* worship, it is urged as an objection, that something is required which bears more immediately upon domestic wants and circumstances: and to supply this deficiency a daily Prayer has, in this compilation, been provided, instead of the Collect of the week. The Collects for Wednesday and Friday are selected as relating to those events of our Redemp-

* Preface to the Book of Common Prayer.

tion which took place on those days, and which have thus invested them with a degree of holiness; our Lord having been betrayed on the Wednesday and crucified on the Friday.*

Another objection is raised, on account of the length of the Services as they are found in the Book of Common Prayer; and to obviate this objection, the Psalms are omitted, together with what are called the state Prayers, and the Lessons are so placed that they may be read or not, according to convenience. For the omission of the state Prayers the apology is, that in behalf of the King and all who are in authority under him, the daily sacrifice of prayer is offered in our Cathedrals and many of our Parish Churches, and no good Christian will forget, in his private devotions, to make supplication for the peace of his country and his church: so that it does not seem absolutely necessary that this should form a part of domestic worship.

By those who really admire the services of the Church, greater variety in their devotions will not

* Apostolical Constitutions, lib. v. c. 12. lib. vii. c. 23.

be required than that which is afforded by the daily change of the first Collect. But as the same Prayers are used twice, perhaps thrice, on a Sunday, at Church, two forms have been compiled for the Lord's Day; the Collects of which are chiefly taken from the English and American Books of Common Prayer.

NOTE TO THE AMERICAN EDITION.

HAVING used this manual in his family, except when the Prayer Book was used, from the time of its first appearance, with increasing interest and edification, the Editor was very happy to comply with the request of his esteemed friend, the Publisher, to prepare it for an American re-print. What we enjoy greatly ourselves, we always desire to communicate to those whom we love. The preparation, in the present instance, besides the Introductory Address, has consisted in here and there a verbal alteration,

and in a few additions, which, in the Table of Contents, are designated by brackets. In conclusion, the present Editor is very happy in contributing to meet that increasing demand for manuals of family devotion which must be regarded as one of the most auspicious signs of the present times. "Lord, teach us to pray!"

G. W. D.

St. Mary's Parsonage,
St. Thomas's Day, 1838.

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**To begin and end the day with God, will be the
likeliest way to make**

servants faithful,

children dutiful,

wives obedient,

husbands loving;

every one acting as in the sight of God.

A

BOOK OF FAMILY PRAYER.

MORNING PRAYER.

*After reading the Lessons of the Day,
or some other portion of Holy Scrip-
ture, if there be no Bishop, Priest,
or Deacon present, let the Master of
the House kneel down and say:*

Let us humbly confess our sins before
Almighty God.

*The Confession to be said by the whole
Family, after the Person offici-
ating; all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from thy

ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

Here, if a Bishop or Priest be present, let him be requested to give the Absolution; otherwise let the Master of the House proceed, and say the Lord's Prayer, the Family repeating it with him:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall follow three Collects; the first of the day, (see page 58, and following,) the second for peace; the third for grace to live well. And the two last Collects shall never alter, but daily be said at Morning Prayer throughout all the year, as followeth:

The second Collect, for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The third Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect or Prayer for all conditions of Men.

O GOD the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially,

we pray for thy holy Church universal, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate [**especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions: and this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

* This to be said when any desire the prayers of the family.

A general thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men (particularly for thy watchful Providence over us during the night past). We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

If a Bishop be present, let him be requested to pronounce a blessing upon the family.

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

COLLECTS,

To be used at Morning Prayer throughout the week.

Monday.

O God, who hast commanded that no man shall be idle, but that we shall all work with our hands the thing that is good: graciously look upon thy servants now going forth to do our duty in that station of life unto which thou hast been pleased to call us. May thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, upon our substance, and upon all that belongs to us. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil; to follow the motions of thy good Spirit; to be serious and holy in

our lives, true and just in our dealings; watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions; diligent in our business, and temperate in all things. Give us grace, that we may honestly improve all the talents thou hast committed to our trust; and that no worldly business, or worldly pleasures, may ever divert us from the thoughts of the life to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Tuesday.

O HEAVENLY Father we pray thee to look graciously upon this thy family and every member of the same: bless us in our bodies and in our souls; bless us in the basket and in the store, in our going out and our coming in, and all that we put our hands unto. But, above all, bless us with the choicest spiritual blessings, with a pure heart and a sound mind; with a contempt of

the world and a sure trust in thee; with a grateful sense of thy kindness and a soul full of love; with a knowledge of thy will and a care to perform it; with the assistance of thy Spirit, and life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday.

O LORD God Almighty, who to redeem lost man didst deliver up thine only Son to be betrayed and sold by one of his own disciples and familiar friends into the hands of his most malicious enemies: grant us, by the help of thy Spirit, always to detest and abhor our own sins, which were not less the occasion of his death than the traitor Judas: and mercifully grant, that we may never fall from thee, nor be led to act treacherously one to another.

er, through covetousness or any other temptation ; but that we may steadfastly persevere unto the end and under all trials, in the fellowship of thy Word and Spirit, and in the communion of all saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thursday.

BLESSED Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, and hast taught us that where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work : give unto us thy servants grace, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another, and that there may be no schism in this household. Put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil-speaking, with all malice; and grant that, in honour preferring one

another, we may walk in love, even as thou, Lord, hast loved us, and given thyself to die for our sins. *Amen.*

Friday.

O ETERNAL Father, who didst send thine only begotten Son into the world to die for our sins, who by his precious bloodshedding hath purchased to himself a peculiar people zealous of good works : we beseech thee absolutely to dispose of what thou hast so dearly paid for ; mortify us to the world, and confirm our courage to fight manfully under the banner of our crucified Saviour, that we may be able to stand the shock of all temptations ; and that nothing, either in life or death, may separate us from thy love in him our glorious Redeemer, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God blessed for ever. *Amen.*

Saturday.

O GOD, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us during the week now drawing to a close ; beseeching thee to make us truly sensible of thy mercies and thankful for them all, and to give us grace that we may always walk as in thy sight ; and making a conscience of our ways, and fearing to offend thee, may never fall into the sins we have repented of, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

*After reading the Lessons of the Day,
or some other portion of Holy Scrip-
ture, if there be no Bishop, Priest,
or Deacon present, let the Master of
the House kneel down and say :*

Let us humbly confess our sins be-
fore Almighty God.

*The Confession to be said by the whole
Family, after the Person officiating,
all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ;
We have erred and strayed from thy

ways, like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults: Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Here, if a Bishop or Priest be present, let him be requested to give the Absolution; otherwise let the Master of the House proceed, and say the Lord's Prayer, the Family repeating with him:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall follow the Collects; the first of the Day (see page 73, and following,) the second for Peace, the third for Aid against all Perils. The two last Collects shall never alter, but daily be said at Evening Prayer, throughout all the year, as followeth:

The second Collect, for Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

*The third Collect, for Aid against
Perils.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, to
whose Almighty power we have been
preserved this day, by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of
this night, for the love of thy only Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Collect or Prayer for all conditions
of Men.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of
all mankind, we humbly beseech thee
for all sorts and conditions of men, that
thou wouldest be pleased to make thy
ways known unto them, thy saving
health unto all nations. More espe-
cially we pray for thy holy Church uni-
versal, that it may be so guided and

governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess, and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate [* *especially those for whom our prayers are desired*]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions: And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

* This to be said when any desire the prayers of the family.

A general Thanksgiving.

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grace, and for the hope of glory.
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Jesus Christ our Lord: to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 COR. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us more. *Amen.*

If a Bishop be present, let him be requested to pronounce a blessing on the Family.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of the Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

COLLECTS,

To be used at Evening Prayer throughout the Week.

Monday.

VISIT we beseech thee, O Lord, this house and family, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and let thy blessing be upon us for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Tuesday.

Look graciously, O Lord, upon thy Church in this house, and hear us when we pray, for all who are commended to

our prayers by kindred or a the obligation of benefits recharge entrusted to our care, ship, by Christian charity, by mutual duty; be thou merciful to us all, and bless us, and shed the light of thy countenance, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast sent thy only begotten Son to be a sacrifice for sin, an example of meekness and patient suffering, and a teacher of righteousness and true holiness; give us grace that we may receive thy benefit with thankfulness of heart, and also endeavour ourselves to follow the steps of his most holy life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thursday.

O God who hast declared that a house divided against itself cannot stand, and who hast warned us not to let the sun go down upon our wrath, make us a household dwelling together in unity and godly love. Banish and drive away all envy, hatred, and malice from our hearts, and if any of us have done any wrong to any man, give us grace that we may restore fourfold; so that forbearing and forgiving one another, we may find mercy at thy hands through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously look upon this family, for which

our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saturday.

O LORD and Heavenly Father, who hast brought us to the end of another week, we acknowledge thy great goodness to us, in sparing us when we deserve punishment; in giving us the necessities of this life; and in setting before us the happiness of a better. Pardon, Lord, our offences; correct and amend what is amiss in us; that as we grow in years we may grow in grace, and the nearer we come to our latter end may be the better prepared for it. Take from us all ignorance, hardness of

heart, and too much carefulness for the things of this life. Make us a household fearing thee, submitting ourselves to thy good pleasure, and putting our whole trust in thy mercy. Make us mindful, that as the end of the week, so the end of our life is at hand; and because we know neither the day nor the hour of our Master's coming, grant us grace, that we may always live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die; but that, living or dying, we may be thine through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUNDAY MORNING.

First shall be said the following Anthem:

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast; not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once, but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of

them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now.
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

*The Confession to be said of the whole
Family, after the person officiating,
all kneeling.*

O Most mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and

comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, O Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall follow the Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily

bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for the Divine Blessing on
an attendance at Public Worship.*

O GOD, who hast consecrated this good day to thy service, give us grace so to observe it, that it may be the beginning of a happy week to us, and that none of thy judgments may fall upon us for profaning it. Mercifully accept the prayers of thy holy Church throughout the world which shall be this day offered at the throne of grace; prepare our hearts, to serve thee with reverence and godly fear; grant us an awful apprehension of thy divine majesty, and a

deep sense of our own unworthiness; that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled and minds sanctified, we may perform a service acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To be added on Communion Sundays.

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever of this household, being religiously and devoutly disposed, shall, this day, receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, they may approach that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins and all other benefits of his passion,

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The second Collect for the officiating Minister.

O holy Jesus, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church, and hast promised to be with the ministers of apostolic succession to the end of the world; be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise in behalf of the congregation which we are about to join. May the words of his mouth and the meditation of his heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

The third Collect for the Congregation.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, the congregation of this parish with thy love and favour: enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify as one God, world without end.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Church.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace, that we may become an Holy Temple acceptable unto thee. Give us the abundance of thy grace, that with one heart we may desire the prosperity of thy holy apostolic Church, and with one mouth profess the faith once delivered to the Saints. Defend us from the sins of heresy and schism, let not the foot of pride come nigh to hurt us, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast us down. And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; that so we may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting, through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our Souls, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.
Amen.

A Thanksgiving.

WE yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee; increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give us thy Holy Spirit, that having been born again and made heirs of everlasting salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, we may continue thy servants and attain thy promises; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

UNTO thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we commit ourselves. O Lord bless us and keep us. O Lord make thy face to shine upon us and be

gracious unto us. O Lord lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

2 COR. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

First let the Master of the House say,

Let us humbly confess our sins before Almighty God.

The Confession to be said of the whole Family after the Person officiating, all kneeling.

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and

comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, O Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The first Collect.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name; vouchsafe to us an interest in the prayers of thy holy Church throughout the world, which have been this day offered to the Throne of Grace; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

On Communion Sundays let the following be added :

WE thank thee, O Lord God Almighty, for having admitted us to partake of thy holy, precious, and heavenly mysteries which thou hast given us for the sanctification of our souls and bodies: and we beseech thee to grant that this our Communion of the holy Body and Blood of thy Christ, may inspire us with faith that need not be ashamed, and with love without dissimulation; may avert all evil from us, and enable us to perform thy commands; may fill us with wisdom, and preserve our souls and bodies unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The second Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelists and Apostles, give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The third Collect, for aid against Perils.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection over us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us mindful

the time when we shall lie down in the dust, and grant us grace always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for all Persons connected
with us.*

REMEMBER, gracious God, for good, all those that are over us in the Lord, who watch for our souls as they that must give an account that they may do it with joy. Bless all our relations, benefactors, and friends; them that are good preserve in goodness, and convert the wicked. And hear us, good Lord, when we commend unto thy tender compassion all that are in error and sincerely seek the truth: all such as are destitute of necessary means of instruction: all that are engaged in sinful courses, that they may have grace and strength to break their bonds; all that labour under

trials and afflictions [** especial for whom our prayers are desired*]
sick and dying persons, that they omit nothing that is necessary for their peace with thee before thou, and also such as never pray for themselves, that they may see, before too late, the danger of living without God in the world: these and all necessities for them, for us, and for the whole Church, we humbly beseech the name and mediation of Jesus our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

* This to be said when any desire thee for the family.

A Thanksgiving.

WE yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee; increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give us thy Holy Spirit, that having been born again and made heirs of everlasting salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, we may continue thy servants and attain thy promises; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. *Amen.*

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OCCASIONAL THANKSGIVINGS
AND PRAYERS.

For a Sick Person.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, behold, visit, and relieve thy sick *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; give *him* patience under *his* affliction; and, in thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory: Or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life is ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Child.

ALMIGHTY God, and merciful to whom alone belong the issue and death; look down from heaven, and humbly beseech thee, with thy mercy, upon the sick *child* for whom our prayers are desired. Deliver O Lord, in thy good appointment, from *his* bodily pain, and visit him with thy salvation; that if it should be thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days on earth, *he* may live to thee, as an instrument of thy glory, by thee faithfully, and doing good to thy generation: Or else receive him to those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in thee, O Jesus, enjoy perpetual rest and peace. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ

For a Person under Affliction.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy word that thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men; look with pity, we beseech thee, on the sorrows of thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit *him* with trouble and to bring distress upon *him*. Remember *him*, O Lord in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to *him*; endue *his* soul with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

On a Recovery from Sickness.

O GOD, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; we bless thy

Name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from his bodily sickness *this* thy servant, who *desireth* now to return thanks unto thee in the presence of *this* his family; gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his* heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After Child-Birth.

O ALMIGHTY God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of Child-birth, *this* woman thy servant, who desires now to offer her praises and thanksgivings unto thee. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that she, through thy help, may both faithfully live, and walk

according to thy will in this life present, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Person or Persons going to Sea.

O ETERNAL God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; we commend to thy Almighty protection, thy *servant*, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard *him*, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

On a safe Return from Sea.

MOST gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works; we praise thy holy

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For a Person going a Journey.

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On a return from a Journey.

ALMIGHTY God, who savest our life from destruction, and crownest us with thy mercy and lovingkindness; we give thee humble thanks that thou hast brought this thy servant safe to the end of *his* journey, and hast preserved *him* from the innumerable accidents and dangers to which *he* was exposed; and we beseech thee to grant that *he* may triumph in thy praise, and show it forth not only with *his* lips but in *his* life, by serving thee in holiness and righteousness all *his* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When a Child is to be Baptized.

ALMIGHTY God, we humbly commend to thy fatherly protection and care, *this child* about to be taken to thy laver of regeneration. Bless *him* and sanctify *him*, that having a holy admission into thy Church now, *he* may continue thy servant unto *his* life's end, and finally be united with all them that are saved, through Christ our Saviour, in thy kingdom of glory. *Amen.*

After the Baptism of a Child.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast appointed spiritual regeneration, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; look down in mercy upon this thy creature, who has been dedicated to thee by baptism; bless *him* and sanctify *him* and prepare *him* that *he* may become worthy of thy spiritual gift, and of being gathered together

with those that are saved, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Before Confirmation.

O GOD, by whose merciful Providence the holy Church continueth to observe the doctrine of baptism, and of the laying on of hands: We beseech thee to be with thy servant, our bishop, when he shall come, as the successor of thy Apostles, to administer in this parish the blessed ordinance of Confirmation; and grant that *these thy servants* may approach the rite with bodies undefiled, with watchful minds and pure hearts, that being blest by thy minister, and guided by the powerful influence of thy good Spirit, *they* may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue his faithful soldiers

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After Confirmation.

O God, who gavest the Holy Gh
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make intercession for us. *Amen.*

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